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Skydive Lost Prairie Boogie:

Over Three Decades Playing in Montana's Big Sky

Interested in skydiving? Sky surfing? Want to link with fifty other skydivers in free fall formation? Even if you said "no," you may want to put July 25-August 3, 1998, on your travel schedule. Those are the dates for northwestern Montana's 31st annual Skydive Lost Prairie Boogie.

Fred Sand operates Skydive Lost Prairie, a year-round skydiving center about 50 minutes west of Kalispell near McGregor Lake. He and his parachute partners host about 400 skydivers and their families during the annual Skydive Lost Prairie event. It has become the largest skydive meet in the Pacific Northwest and the oldest continuous meet in the country.

So what happens at the Boogie? From sun up to sun down, Sky Van and Twin Otter aircraft drop veteran and first-time skydivers from 13,000 feet or more. Some skysurf (a free fall with surf board) while others attempt to break the regional record of 53 skydivers free-falling in linked formation. At night, the airstrip is filled with camps of re-united friends, new acquaintances and people from around the world.

While the event lasts for ten days, Sand says most folks "come to jump for a few days and then take their families to Glacier Park or go fishing; they make it into a family adventure."

Sand considers the Boogie a perfect place for a first jump. Certified instructors are available for tandem jumps. The larger aircraft help everything move along quickly and smoothly. And, he says today's equipment "is just marvelous...jumping is no longer a John Wayne thing ending in a cloud of dust...it is safer than it has ever been and the landings are quite gentle."

First time jump reservations are suggested. Call Skydive Lost Prairie at 888-833-5867, website: www.onedge.com/slp.

Art : A Cherished Value at the Yellowstone Art Museum.

Montanans value art and artists. Every community has its local artist of past and current fame. Art and artists from around the world find a warm welcome within Montana and an audience eager to engage itself with the creative process.

The Billings community values art in a big way. The community's Yellowstone Art Museum recently underwent a $6.2 million expansion at its downtown Billings facility. What was once a county jail is now a 37,000 sq. ft.-plus art museum with a national reputation for excellence.

The expanded museum's signature piece is an abstract steel assemblage titled "Ferdinand" by acclaimed Bozeman artist Deborah Butterfield. The life size, horse-shaped piece greets visitors as they pass by the museum's glass wall or enter the lobby. The museum's long-time Executive Director Donna Forbes says "Ferdinand embodies the spirit of the Art Museum's collection and program which merge the contemporary with the western tradition that is the root of our agricultural and ranching heritage in Montana."

The museum celebrated its completed expansion in February 1998. The inaugural exhibit features its permanent Montana collection of works from Montana born or based artists such as ceramicists Rudy Autio and Peter Voulkus, fiber constructionist Dana Broussard, painters Russell Chatham and Kevin Red Star, illustrator/author Will James and more. Six special exhibits will be displayed during 1998 culminating with the exclusive U.S. showing of 19th and 20th Century paintings from the Isaac Brodsky Museum in St. Petersburg, Russia during November and December.

Check out the value of art in Montana at Billings' Yellowstone Art Museum, 401 N. 27th Street, 406-256-6804. ❀

Redford's "The Horse Whisperer" and Montana's Ranch Experience.

VICTOR BJORNBERG

Guest ranches may enjoy increased popularity after Robert Redford's latest film hits theaters.

Robert Redford's latest film, "The Horse Whisperer," opens in theaters around the world this May. It is a western romance about a skilled horse trainer said to be able to reach into the soul of horses. Tom Booker, who is played by Redford, helps soothe the pained relationship between a mother and her injured daughter while treating their troubled horse. Montana is the stage for the film and the story itself.

The movie is based on a novel by British author Nicholas Evans. Evans researched the book by visiting a number of Montana guest ranches and Montana area horse trainers. Redford and crew filmed the movie in southern Montana at the base of the Absaroka and Beartooth Mountain Ranges.

Just as Redford's 1991 film "A River Runs Through It" heightened awareness for fly fishing, "The Horse Whisperer" is expected to spur interest in guest ranch experiences. Montana is a great place to focus that interest. Some of the West's very first guest ranches opened in Montana before the turn of the century. Today, there are well over 200 choices for Montana guest ranch experiences ranging from full service "dude" ranches to working ranches and B&B-style ranch stays.

If you need help sorting out all the Montana choices, here are some resources you can call on: Travel Montana, 1-800-VISIT MT or visit the web site: travel.state.mt.us; Montana Ranch Vacation Association, 406-775-6204; Montana Big Sky Ranch Association, 406-628-1348. ❀

Montana's "Dino Delta"

Malta and The Judith River Dinosaur Institute

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Dino Diggers atop Saco Hills in the Ashfield bone bed, southeast of Malta.

Malta, Montana, is a long way from the Mississippi Delta. But if you rewind time about75 million years, this part of Montana's Hi Line would look just like that rich river estuary. Now, add a herd of duck-bill dinosaurs struggling to cross one of the region's rivers during high water; some are swept under and drowned. Put these images together and you have the beginning of one explanation why northern Montana has rich dinosaur bone beds scattered across its high plains landscape.

"The bodies got snagged on a sandbar, possibly on the downstream end of an island, and what was left was like a train wreck of duckbill dinosaur bodies," imagines Judith River Dinosaur Institute Director Nate Murphy as he talks about the origin of today's Ashfield bone bed site atop the rugged Saco Hills southeast of Malta. The Ashfield site is one of the largest and most concentrated bone beds in Montana's Judith River formation, says Murphy. Mixed among its bones are teeth left by huge carnivores—predecessors of T-Rex—and smaller raptors, both of which fed on this ancient carrion.

During summer months, the Judith River Dinosaur Institute offers both 5-day and 2-day "paleo" field courses at the Ashfield site. The 5-day course gives participants "the full spectrum of paleontology, from discovery to exhibition," says Murphy. Excavating bones from the Ashfield site is the main focus, but one day is spent visiting new site leases and another is spent at Malta's Phillips County Museum lab preparing the bones for display. The 2-day courses (every other weekend) concentrate on excavating techniques at the Ashfield site.

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Two-day and five-day field courses help participants experience everything from discovery to exhibition.

All bones found by participants go to the Phillips County Museum for public display. For information about course dates, cost and requirements, contact the Judith River Dinosaur Institute at 406-654-2323 or 1037. ❀

Montana's Governor's Cup Goes Silver in June

COURTESY OF BLUECROSSBLUESHIELD OF MONTANA

Runners flood the streets of Helena at the Montana Governor's Cup races.

Fewer than 150 participants showed up for the first-ever Montana Governor's Cup marathon in 1974. Now, 25 years later, a typical turnout is about 6,000 runners coursing through Helena, Montana's Capitol City, and the surrounding valley. While running is what brings everyone together, the Governor's Cup is much more than a running event; it is a family gathering, a Montana reunion with lots of music, food, and memories.

Here's a memory for you: the father/son team of Herbert and Charles Kirk from Bozeman brought up the tail end of the 5K runners in 1997, but they still got the loudest applause from people lining the race course. Herbert was 101 years old and his son, 70.

"There are literally hundreds of family-oriented stories like the Kirks at every Governor's Cup," said Race Coordinator Susan Frazee of Blue Cross/Blue Shield of Montana, sponsor of the event. "Everyone is a neighbor in Montana, and we like to think of the Governor's Cup as one big neighborhood festival."

There are a number of different ways to run around this "neighborhood." The 26-mile marathon starts at the Marysville "ghost town" and provides what the Jan/Feb 1998 issue of Marathon & Beyond calls "one of the most scenic marathons in the world." The popular 5K run winds through residential areas and past some of Helena's most historic sites: the Cathedral of St. Helena, State Capitol and others. There are a number of other race distances and styles offered.

June 6, 1998, is the Silver Anniversary running of the Governor's Cup. It is truly a "fun run" where participation matters much more than speed or endurance. Learn more about the Governor's Cup at www.govcup.bcbsmt.com or contact BCBSMT, PO Box 451, Helena, MT 59624, 406- 447-3414. ❀

"A Remarkable Rock": Captain Clark Signs at Pompey's Pillar

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The only physical evidence of the Lewis and Clark Expedition is carved into this rock at Pompey's Pillar.

Along the entire Lewis & Clark Trail there is just one spot where you don't have to imagine the famed explorers having been there. That location is Montana's Pompey's Pillar, 28 miles east of Billings, just off of I-94. What makes this Lewis & Clark spot unique from all the others? Let's let Captain William Clark explain. Here is his journal entry from July 25, 1806.

"...arived at a remarkable rock situated in an extensive bottom ... this rock I ascended and from it's top had a most extensive view in every direction. This roch which I shall call Pompy's Tower is 200 feet high and 400 paces in secumpherance and only accessable on one Side ... The nativs have ingraved on the face of this rock the figures of animals & near which I marked my name and the day of the month & year." (Underlining added)

Clark's signature, the day and date remain visible on the towering pillar's rock face. Protected by a see-through covering, the signature can be viewed any time of year. The federal Bureau of Land Management operates Pompey's Pillar as a year-round visitor facility with staffed services available between Memorial Day and September 30. Walk-in access and self guided tours are allowed the rest of the year.

One of the popular events here is the annual Clark Day celebration. On the Sunday nearest the July 25 anniversary (July 26, 1998), the public is invited to canoe the Yellowstone River in a re-enactment of the Corps of Discovery's approach. Numerous interpretive stations are set up to help explain the natural and human history of the area. Buffalo burgers and other concessions are available along with bluegrass music. For more information, contact the Billings Resource Area BLM Office, 406-238-1541. ❀

Note: Montana's area code is 406.

JUNE

5–6 GOVERNOR'S CUP, Arts & Craft Show—Helena 447-3414 or 449-4790
5–7 DOLL SHOW & COMPETITION—Hamilton 363-6004
5–7 FORSYTH RODEO DAYS—Forsyth 356-7325 or 347-5344
5–7 HUFF'S ANTIQUE SHOW & SALE—Billings 628-4493
5–7 WESTERN DAYS AND COWBOY POETRY GATHERING—Sidney 482-1916
5–7 WILD HORSE PLAINS DAYS—Plains 826-3202
6 30TH ANNUAL ART AUCTION—Billings 256-6804
6 GARDEN CITY MICRO BREW FEST—Missoula 721-6061
6 OPTIMIST CLUB OF WOLF POINT'S HOTTEST CHILI WEEKEND—Wolf Point 653-2222
6 POWDER RIVER BUFFALO SHOOT—Broadus 427-5255
6 RICHEY VINTAGE CAR SHOW—Richey 773-5840
6-7 BIG SKY FIBER ARTS FESTIVAL—Hamilton 642-6424 or 961-3058
6–7 FRONTIER DAYS—Culbertson 787-5821
6–14 RED LODGE MUSIC FESTIVAL—Red Lodge 446-1905
14–13 DIVIDE RIDE 1998—Boulder 933-5664
12–14 BIG SKY TOUR MASTER MOTORCYCLE RALLY—Lewistown 538-8369
12–14 BILLINGS GEM & MINERAL ANNUAL SHOW—Billings 656-5707
12–14 STEVENSVILLE WESTERN DAYS—Stevensville 363-2402
13 BUZZARD DAY—Glendive 365-6256
13 GOLD RUSH FEVER DAY—Virginia City 843-5555 or 800-829-2969
13 STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL—Billings 259-5454 or 259-5260
13–14 CENTRAL MONTANA ALL ARABIAN HORSE SHOW—Helena 458-5643
13–15 5TH INFANTRY DAYS ENCAMPMENT—Miles City 232-2182
14 FESTIVAL OF CULTURES—Billings 657-1042
18–20 MONTANA SENIOR OLYMPICS—Missoula 252-2795
18–21 FORT UNION RENDEZVOUS—Fairview 701-572-9083
19 TASTE OF GREAT FALLS—Great Falls 453-6151
19–20 GARDINER RODEO—Gardiner 848-7971
20 LAKE TO LAKE CANOE RACE—Whitefish 862-3501
20 LONGEST DAM RUN—Glasgow 228-2222
20 PEERLESS PRAIRIE DAYS—Peerless 893-4431
20–21 ANTIQUE SHOW & SALE—Virginia City 843-5455 or 800-829-2969
20–21 MATTHEW QUIGLEY SHOOT—Forsyth 356-7746
22–28 BUFFALO RUNNERS SHOOT—Virginia City 843-5555 or 800-829-2969
25 1876 GRAND BALL—Hardin 800-300-1778
26–27 BADLANDS DRIFTERS CAR CLUB 9TH ANNUAL 'CARS IN THE PARK' SHOW—Glendive 365-5342
26–27 BIG TIMBER RODEO—Big Timber 932-6228
26–28 CUSTER'S LAST STAND REENACTMENT AND LITTLE BIG HORN DAYS—Hardin 665-1672
26–28 FORT BENTON SUMMER CELEBRATION—Fort Benton 622-3351
26–28 MILES CITY BALLOON ROUNDUP—Miles City 232-2890
26–28 REGION VI ARABIAN HORSE CHAMPIONSHIP SHOW—Billings 652-2135
26–28 WESTERN MONTANA QUARTER HORSE ASSOCIATION ANNUAL HORSE SHOW—Hamilton 777-2579
27 30TH ANNUAL BEARTOOTH RUN—Red Lodge 446-1718
27 LITTLE LEVI RODEO—Broadus 436-2424
27 MAYOR'S CUP RUN—Forsyth 356-7823
27 WHITEFISH LAKE RUN—Whitefish 862-3501
27–28 5TH ANNUAL FREE PIG ROAST AND CRAFT SHOW—Essex 888-5040
27–28 PIONEER DAYS AND ANTIQUE SHOW—Scobey 487-5965 or 487-5502
27–28 THE GREAT MONTANA MACK ATTACK—Polson 883-5969
28 18TH ANNUAL BITTERROOT DAY—Hamilton 363-3338
28 AUGUSTA AMERICAN LEGION RODEO—Augusta 562-3477
28 CONCERT IN THE PARK AND PICNIC ON THE GREEN—Billings 252-3610

JULY

1–5 100TH ANNUAL ARLEE CELEBRATION—Arlee 675-2700
1–5 WORLD OF ART SHOW—Bozeman 586-4565
2–4 HARLOWTON RODEO—Harlowton 632-4694
2–4 HOME OF CHAMPIONS RODEO & PARADE—Red Lodge 446-1718 or 888-261-0625
3–4 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION—Roundup 323-1966
3–4 4TH OF JULY FREEDOM FESTIVAL—Butte 782-1859 or 723-3177
3–4 4TH OF JULY RODEO & PARADE—Ennis 682-4215
3–4 MILK RIVER DAYS AND COWBOYS RODEO—Hinsdale 364-2223
3–5 EASTERN MONTANA 'SKI FESTIVAL—Wibaux 795-2412
3–5 GRAND OPENING OF LEWIS & CLARK NATIONAL HISTORIC TRAIL INTERPRETIVE CENTER—Great Falls 761-4434
3–5 LINCOLN RODEO & PARADE—Lincoln 362-4195
3–5 MOTORCYCLE POKER RUN—Troy 295-4358
4 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATIONS—
Glasgow 228-2222
Hysham 342-5457
Kalispell 758-2800
Laurel 628-8105
Lewistown 538-5436
Malta 654-1776
Missoula 721-5140
Scobey 487-2293 or 487-2878
Virginia City 843-5512 or 843-5323
West Yellowstone 646-7701
Whitefish 862-3501
4 4TH OF JULY FREEDOM RUN—Broadus 436-2324
4 75TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE DEMPSEY-GIBBONS FIGHT—Shelby 434-2014
4 ANNUAL RODEO, RANCH RODEO & FIREWORKS—White Sulphur Springs 547-2209
4 CELEBRATE THE 4TH-AN ART AFFAIR—Plains 826-3202
4 LEWISTOWN 4TH & PARADE CELEBRATION—Lewistown 538-5436
4 RANCH RODEO AND FIREWORKS—Sidney 482-1916
4 ST XAVIER AMATEUR RODEO—St. Xavier 666-2386
4–5 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION-SEELEY LAKE STYLE—Seeley Lake 677-2880
4–5 A TIME TO CELEBRATE-ANNUAL ARTS FESTIVAL & GRAND OPENING—Whitefish 862-3501
4–6 JULY 4TH FESTIVITIES—St. Regis 649-9797
8–11 MONTANA GOVERNOR'S CUP WALLEYE TOURNAMENT—Glasgow 228-2222
9–12 LIBBY LOGGER DAYS—Libby 293-4167
9–12 NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN DAYS—Browning 338-7179
10–11 BITTERROOT VALLEY BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL—Hamilton 363-5450 or 363-2575
10–11 BUTTE VIGILANTE RODEO—Butte 494-3002 or 494-3720
10–11 CHIEF VICTOR DAYS—Victor 642-3072
10–11 SENIOR PRO RODEO—Hamilton 363-3010
10–12 ARTISTS AND CRAFTSMEN OF THE FLATHEAD SUMMER SHOW—Kalispell 881-4288
10–12 BOZEMAN TRAIL GUN SHOW—Bozeman 586-6179
10–12 WESTERN HERITAGE DAYS—Deer Lodge 846-2070 or 846-3388
10–12 WOLF POINT WILD HORSE STAMPEDE-75TH JUBILEE CELEBRATION—Wolf Point 653-2220
11 TASTE OF MISSOULA—Missoula 543-6691
11–12 BUTTE MINERAL & GEM SHOW—Butte 496-4101
11–12 VICTORIAN AND FRONTIER CRAFT FESTIVAL—Virginia City 843-5454
13–17 1998 NATIONAL O-MOK-SEE-NATIONAL PATTERN HORSE RACING CHAMPIONSHIPS—Helena 227-7327
15–19 GALLATIN COUNTY FAIR—Bozeman 582-3270
16–25 CENTRAL MONTANA HORSE SHOW, FAIR AND RODEO—Lewistown 538-9023
17–18 BITTERROOT MICRO BREW FEST—Hamilton 363-2400
17–18 THREE FORKS RODEO WEEKEND—Three Forks 285-4556
17–19 ART IN WASHOE PARK—Anaconda 563-2422
17–19 BIG SKY STATE GAMES—Billings 254-7426
17–19 HERRON PARK HORSE TRAILS—Kalispell 862-1318
17–19 HOMESTEADER DAYS—Ballantine 967-2540
17–19 STANDING ARROW POWWOW—Elmo 849-5541
17–89 FLATHEAD MUSIC FESTIVAL—Kalispell 257-0787
18 FAIRFIELD SWIM DAYS—Fairfield 467-2531
18 FAIRVIEW OLD TIMERS REUNION AND SUMMER FESTIVAL—Fairview 747-5474
18 TOWNSEND QUILT/GUN SHOW—Townsend 266-3325
18–19 ALL HARLEY RODEO & POKER RUN—Red Lodge 446-1718 or 888-281-0625
18–19 BANNACK DAYS—Bannack 834-3413
18–19 C.M. RUSSELL STAMPEDE, BBQ, QUICK DRAW & RODEO—Stanford 566-2422
18–19 SUMMERFAIR—Billings 256-6804
19 RICHEY RODEO—Richey 774-3467
19 TWIN BRIDGES FLOATING FLOTILLAS & FISH FANTASIES—Twin Bridges 684-5400
22–24 WALLEYE IN-FISHERMAN PROFESSIONAL WALLEYE TRAIL—Glasgow 228-2222
22–26 LAST CHANCE STAMPEDE & FAIR—Helena 442-1098
23 ART ON THE MAIN—Conrad 278-7791
24–25 MONTANA STATE FIDDLERS CONTEST—Polson 323-1198
24–26 ARTS IN THE PARK—Kalispell 755-5268
24–26 BITTERROOT VALLEY GOOD NATIONS POWWOW—Hamilton 961-4705
24–26 COUNTRY MUSIC CAMPOUT—Troy 295-4358
24–26 FESTIVAL OF TIMES: VICTORIAN WEEKEND—Virginia City 843-5555 or 800-829-2969
24–26 FLINT CREEK VALLEY DAYS—Philipsburg 859-3388
24–26 LEWIS & CLARK DAYS—Cut Bank 873-4041
24–26 OUTLAW DAYS—Malta 654-1776 or 800-704-1776
24–82 RED LODGE MOUNTAIN MAN RENDEZVOUS—Red Lodge 446-1718 or 888-281-0625
25 FAMILY FUN DAY—Billings 652-8100
25 YELLOWSTONE RIVER DUCK FESTIVAL/CLASSIC CAR SHOW—Forsyth 356-2123
25–26 ART IN THE PARK—Hamilton 642-3600
25–26 THE GREAT AMERICAN CHAMPIONSHIP MOTORCYCLE HILL CLIMB—Billings 252-5588
25–26 TOBACCO VALLEY RODEO—Eureka 882-4144
25–82 MONTANA STATE FAIR—Great Falls 727-8900
25–83 SKYDIVE LOST PRAIRIE 31ST ANNUAL JUMP MEET—Marion 858-2493 or 888-833-5867
26 CLARK DAY—Billings 238-1541
26 GARNET APPRECIATION DAYS—Missoula 329-3914
26–29 NORTHEAST MONTANA FAIR—Glasgow 228-8221
27–82 BIG HORN COUNTY YOUTH FAIR—Hardin 665-1405
29-8/1 PARK COUNTY FAIR—Livingston 222-4185
30–82 18TH ANNUAL SWEET GRASS COUNTY CUTTING COMPETITION—Big Timber 932-4790
30–82 BIG SKYFEST—Billings 255-0466
30–82 BROADWATER COUNTY FAIR & RODEO—Townsend 266-5604
30–83 TWO RIVERS RENDEZVOUS—Libby 293-7672
31–82 PHILLIPS COUNTY FAIR—Malta 654-7037
31–82 PIONEER DAYS—Ronan 646-5300
31–82 ROCKY MOUNTAIN ACCORDION CELEBRATION—Philipsburg 800-525-0169
31–82 THE ANNUAL BOZEMAN ANTIQUE SHOW—Bozeman 586-8655
31–82 WADOPANA CELEBRATION—Wolf Point 768-5131 or 653-1191
31–82 YELLOWSTONE ROD RUN—West Yellowstone 222-1084

AUGUST

1 27TH ANNUAL OUTDOOR ART FESTIVAL—Polson 883-5956
1 SWEET PEA BALL—Bozeman 586-4003
1–2 ANNUAL FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS—Bigfork 881-4636 or 837-5888
1–2 BILLINGS HISPANIC FIESTA—Billings 259-0191
1–2 VIRGINIA CITY COWBOY POETRY GATHERING—Virginia City 843-5455
1–8 FESTIVAL OF NATIONS—Red Lodge 446-1016
4–7 SWEET GRASS COUNTY FAIR—Big Timber 932-5146
5 TASTE OF BOZEMAN—Bozeman 586-1314
5–8 RICHLAND COUNTY FAIR & RODEO—Sidney 482-2801
5–8 SOUTHWEST MONTANA FAIR—Butte 723-8262 or 782-8661
6 KIDS FEST—Missoula 721-7275
6–8 JUDITH BASIN FAIR & QUILT SHOW—Stanford 566-2277
6–9 ROSEBUD TREASURE COUNTY FAIR—Forsyth 356-2144 or 356-2145
6–9 ANTIQUE AIR SHOW—Three Forks 328-4375
7–8 DINOSAUR DAYS—Harlowtown 632-4694
7–9 23RD ANNUAL VIRGINIA CITY ART FESTIVAL—Virginia City 843-5455 or 800-829-2969
7–9 DAYS OF '85 FAIR, RODEO & PARADE—Ekalaka 775-6658
7–9 FLATHEAD RENDEZVOUS—Kalispell 538-2212
7–9 HUCKLEBERRY DAYS—Whitefish 862-3501
7–9 SWEET PEA FESTIVAL—Bozeman 586-4003
8 BIG SKY ARTS & CRAFT SHOW—Lewistown 538-9078
8 HUCKLEBERRY FESTIVAL—Swan Lake 886-2642
8–9 ART AUCTION AND ART IN THE PARK—Lincoln 362-4949 or 362-4438
8–15 KALEIDOSCOPE SUMMER FESTIVAL—Helena 442-0400
8–15 MONTANA FAIR, METRAPARK—Billings 256-2400
9 121ST COMMEMORATION OF THE BATTLE OF THE BIG HOLE—Wisdom 689-3155
9 LITTLE WRANGLER RODEO—Miles City 232-4662
10–12 DANIELS COUNTY FAIR—Scobey 487-5581
10–16 BURNT HOLE RENDEZVOUS/HISTORICAL REENACTMENT—West Yellowstone 208-652-7835
11–16 WESTERN MONTANA FAIR AND RODEO—Missoula 721-3247
12–15 ROOSEVELT COUNTY FAIR—Culbertson 787-5312
12–16 MADISON COUNTY FAIR & RODEO—Twin Bridges 684-5824
13 THE NEW YORK CONNECTION—Bozeman 587-7192
14–16 BIG SKY RENDEZVOUS AND COUNTRY MUSIC EVENT—Troy 295-4358
14–16 MONTANA COWBOY MOUNTED SHOOTING ASSOCIATION—Virginia City 642-3040
14–16 MONTANA COWBOY POETRY GATHERING—Lewistown 535-5436
15–16 THRESHING BEE—Worden 967-6687
19–23 NORTHWEST MONTANA FAIR—Kalispell 758-5810
20–22 POWDER RIVER COUNTY FAIR—Broadus 436-2424
20–22 WESTERN RENDEZVOUS OF ART—Helena 442-3256
20–23 TRI-COUNTY FAIR—Deer Lodge 846-3680
21–22 HOT AUGUST NIGHTS—Libby 293-4167
21–23 GUN AND ANTIQUE SHOW—Livingston 932-5380
22 VIRGINIA CITY HERITAGE DAY—Virginia City 843-5555 or 800-829-2969
22–23 FAT TIRE FRENZY—Red Lodge 446-1634 or 888-281-0625
22–23 FIDDLER'S CONTEST—Lincoln 362-9200
22–23 STATE 4-WHEEL DRIVE RALLY—Bozeman 586-4103
23 BUMP & RUN RACE—Miles City 232-1661
23 HOT LAPS MOUNTAIN BIKE JAM—Missoula 549-9777 or 543-3331
27–30 EASTERN MONTANA FAIR—Miles City 232-2502 or 232-6585
28–30 BARNES STEAM AND POWER SHOW—Belgrade 388-4433
28–30 JEFFERSON COUNTY FAIR & RODEO—Boulder 933-8567 or 933-8482
28–30 WIBAUX COUNTY FAIR—Wibaux 795-2486
29 6TH ANNUAL QUILTING THE COUNTRY OUTDOOR QUILT SHOW—Bozeman 587-8216
29 ROLLING THUNDER CAR SHOW—Sidney 482-1544

FROM MONTANA

The diversity of events, places and people in Montana is almost as wide as the state itself. We hope to give you a taste of that diversity with this quarterly newsletter. In addition, my office offers these services to editors, writers and producers.

Visual Materials
Color slides, 8 x 10" B/W photos, and stock video footage are available for editorial use.

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We can put you in contact with many of Montana's most talented and experienced freelance writers and photographers.

Editorial Copy/Calendar of Events
We'll provide background information or editorial copy for many subjects. We also maintain a calendar of events for the entire state.

Individual Attention
If you need the latest vacation guide and road map of Montana, a liaison with other government agencies, or detailed information to fit a specific story angle, we're here to assist you.

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